

Katie. He will be missed by all of us who were privileged to work with him.

IN MEMORY OF BARRY BERINGER

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to draw attention today to Barry Beringer, who served on the House Science Committee for over a decade and was the Committee's Chief Counsel for eight years.

Tragically, Barry was taken from us on September 29, after a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. Until the very end, Barry was committed to the work of the Science Committee. He remained intimately involved even when he could not make it into the office. He acted as a mentor to our associate counsel through frequent telephone conversations, and he always wanted to do more, even as he was struggling with the fatigue and other ordeals of his illness.

Barry had an enormous impact on all of us who worked with him on Capitol Hill—both as a chief counsel and as a person. Barry served as chief counsel under three Chairmen, and that was no accident. Everyone who knew Barry knew that he could be relied upon for sound and proper advice, that he did not shade his answers. We also knew that he knew the Committee history backwards and forwards, that no one would have a better sense of how to make use of precedent. And, above all, we knew that no one knew more people on the Hill and had better relationships with a wide variety of colleagues. Barry could draw upon these relationships for information, for guidance, for assistance. In all his years on the Hill, Barry made only friends.

The strengths Barry had as a colleague grew out of the strengths he had as a person. He could draw upon so many friends on Capitol Hill because of the warm and decent person he was. Barry did not spend his time "networking" or building relationships for utilitarian purposes. He had a network simply because everyone who dealt with him liked him. They knew he was a caring person and a straightforward one. He treated everyone with respect. That is all too rare around the Capitol, and many of the notes we have received about Barry since his death pointed to his basic friendliness and decency.

But those of us who worked with him most closely knew that there was far more to Barry than just a pleasant congeniality. He was smart, funny, passionate, caring and kind. He pursued his interests in politics and history with fervor and good humor.

Yet there was nothing he cared about so much as he cared about his family. He talked often about his wife, Bonnie, and was as proud (and worried) as any parent could be about how his son Francis and his daughter Katie were faring. No one could know Barry without knowing about his family, and Fran gave a moving eulogy for his father.

Barry's loss will be hardest, of course, on his family. But those of us who worked with him all these years will also always have him in our minds and hearts. We still look for Barry when we have a question, and are caught up short by his absence. We tell a joke and wait

to hear his laughter, or his quip in response. We look to him to show us how to behave well in difficult situations, and have to rely instead on the memory of how he acted. But that memory will be kept with us and will help us always.

Barry was, among so many other things, a devoted and model public servant. I know this body will mourn his loss and feel his absence for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sunil Chand as the new President of the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Dr. Chand, who began his new duties in July, is only the fourth president to serve at the college since it opened its doors in 1967.

Dr. Chand's career includes teaching and administrative leadership positions in India, his homeland, and in England and the United States. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in English at St. Stephen's College in Delhi, India, where he later taught English. He earned his Doctorate of Literature at Kent State.

Dr. Chand held a variety of positions at Triton College in Illinois, including Dean of Arts and Sciences. He also served as Vice President of Academic Services at Richmond College in London, England, before serving as Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Cuyahoga Community College District in Cleveland, Ohio. From there, he moved to his new position at the College of DuPage.

Therefore, I take great pleasure in welcoming Dr. Chand to the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, and I wish him and the College of DuPage continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET WILLIS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored to recognize the valuable services of Mrs. Margaret Willis, as she retires as a director of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. For the past 9 years, Margaret has provided commonsense leadership by arguing effectively for policies that protect the environment and provide valuable comfort and dignity for those who are less fortunate. She has also served as the Northwest-Midwest Institute's treasurer and has been very active on several committees of the organization.

Margaret Willis is from Chesterton, IN, and has formerly served as both a member of the Porter County Council, as well as a board member and officer of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. While serving as a Democrat County Council member, Margaret was also a liaison to the Porter

County Health Board. She has been a true leader within my Northwest Indiana community by serving as an editor of the Chesterton Tribune, as well as several other local community organizations.

Before her dedicated work in government service, Margaret was the founder of the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault within her community, which was the first support group in Porter County. She has given her time and efforts selflessly through many generous avenues. She has also served on the Chesterton Adult Learning Center Advisory Board, the Porter County League of Women's Voters, as well as the Porter/LaPorte County AIDS Task Force and the Duneland Sierra Club.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally served as vice-chair of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition. The Institute and Coalition provide many valuable information resources to both Republicans and Democrats. They help to ensure that the region's lawmakers advance Great Lakes restoration, brownfield redevelopment, as well as many other very important environmental issues. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join with me in congratulating and applauding Margaret Willis for her sincere dedication and guidance to not only the Northeast-Midwest Institute, but for her lifetime of hard work and leadership to all members of her community.

OCTOBER SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it's with great pride that I announce McVey Elementary School in the East Meadow Union Free School District as School of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for October 2003.

The principal of McVey Elementary School is Dr. Rita Meyerowitz, Ellen Waldron is the Assistant Principal, and the Superintendent of Schools is Dr. Robert Dillon and its three Assistant Superintendents are Leon Camp, Lou DeAngelo, and Lynn Manouvrier. McVey Elementary School has over 832 students in grades kindergarten through grade 5, with over 100 dedicated staff members.

McVey Elementary School recently completed commemorative September 11 gardens, which is why, with their continued strong curriculum, I have chosen McVey as school of the month. Since 2001, the students have been taking part in the planting and caring for the gardens. The gardens were given names by the students and stones were engraved with patriotic names. The gardens allowed the opportunity for the students, and faculty, to remember the lost in their own way while constructing a memorial. Students gave much time and dedication towards this project and although some of the students have moved on to middle school, the garden will be there as a reminder of their work and more importantly as a tribute to those who lost their lives.

The learning begins in Kindergarten. McVey Elementary School has an activity called "Dino-dig." This allows the students to learn about the history of dinosaurs and fossils while having fun. Education is about learning

but if children are enjoying themselves while in the classroom the participation and retention levels will be higher. McVey understands this and practices it for all grades.

Following the school motto, "McVey all the way", the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) will be hosting a blood drive. The school is out in front of the cause to help solve Long Island's blood shortage and hopefully other Long Island schools will follow their lead.

Mr. Speaker, the faculty and students, of McVey, along with the community, have created a wonderful learning environment. I am proud to name McVey Elementary School the school of the month for October 2003.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong opposition to the process being used by the Republican Leadership to bring the Supplemental Appropriations bill before the House.

This process denies members from having the opportunity to consider or vote on the Obey substitute or to have two separate votes: one to provide the funds for our troops and the other to fund the reconstruction of Iraq.

Each Member of this body strongly supports our troops and will provide the necessary money, supplies, and equipment to ensure their safety. However, the President and the Republican Leadership has tied funding for our troops to funding for Iraq reconstruction. They know that tying the reconstruction money with the money for our troops makes it very difficult to vote no on this \$87 billion package. This puts me and other members in a position to either vote for the entire package, which includes giving the President a blank check with little accountability for spending or risk having them accuse those who vote against the package as being unpatriotic or not supporting our troops. Both charges are not only false but also outrageous.

I voted against the resolution to give the President the authority to send our troops to war in Iraq. I did so because I believed that allowing the weapons inspectors to continue to do their job in Iraq would cost us nothing and would give us more time to attempt to bring the United Nations on board. The President should have assembled an international coalition similar to the coalition that his father put together to undertake Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990–1991. However, this President instead decided to go it alone and

told the United Nations and other countries that they were either with us or against us. Unfortunately, when one country decides to go it alone as the President did with Iraq, American soldiers fight alone, die alone and the American taxpayers pay for it alone.

There was a great deal of national support at the start of the war with Iraq because the American public was told the operation would be short and that reconstruction would be financed with revenue generated from the oil in Iraq. In fact, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told congressional committees that American soldiers could be out of Iraq within 30–60 days and the vast revenue from the oil in Iraq could pay for the entire reconstruction of Iraq. The administration is now estimating that we could be in Iraq for the next five years and with this supplemental today, the American taxpayers will have already spent between \$150–\$200 billion.

Congress has already provided \$103 billion in defense funding, over and above regular defense appropriations, for military operations in Afghanistan, for homeland defense, and, most recently in April's Emergency Wartime Supplemental appropriations bill for the war in Iraq. The deficit is growing to new highs and the government cannot keep spending at this rate.

Since coming to Congress, I have consistently and strongly supported our troops and national defense spending. I am extremely proud of our servicemen and women that have sacrificed so much in Iraq and elsewhere around the world. I am very concerned about the safety of our troops, who are serving long tours in tough conditions. Our men and women in uniform and their families are going well beyond the call of duty.

It is disgraceful that the Bush Administration and my Republican colleagues would tie funding for our military with controversial and unaccounted reconstruction funding. It is important to note that the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service contradicts the administration's position that the \$67 billion for the military is needed immediately. According to the study, the Army could finance operations through next April or May with the money already appropriated.

Mr. Chairman, I cannot in good conscience support giving this President or any president a blank check with little or no accountability. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me and reject the \$86.9 billion Supplemental Appropriations bill and send it back to the committee with instructions to immediately bring the bill back to the floor as two separate bills today: one that provides funding for our troops, which would pass unanimously, and one that would provide for reconstruction. We should let the decision concerning money for reconstruction and who will profit from it stand on its own merits.

HONORING THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF JAY SANDELIN

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor a good friend, Jay

Sandelin, for his outstanding contributions to the practice of osteopathic medicine, the Osteopathic Health System of Texas/Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, and to the citizens of Fort Worth, Texas. Jay Sandelin not only exemplifies great leadership in his professional life, but has also shown leadership by being a current or past member of at least seventeen civic, trade, philanthropic, cultural, and business groups.

In 1989, Jay Sandelin was elected Chairman of the Board of Health Care of Texas, which comprises both the Osteopathic Health System of Texas and the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas. During his time as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Sandelin helped influence the transition of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine from a private institution to a state medical school, which has evolved into the University of North Texas Health Science Center. Previous to his work as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Sandelin served for many years on the boards of various osteopathic organizations in the course of a distinguished career in the financial services industry.

Mr. Sandelin's leadership has been vital in raising the profile of the osteopathic medical profession and its philosophy to a greater level of awareness and acceptance in North Texas and throughout the Nation. Because of his work, today I want to congratulate Jay Sandelin on an outstanding career and wish him well in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2003 NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major League Baseball's 2003 National League Champions, the Florida Marlins. Earning the reputation of a team that does not quit or tire, the Marlins will now compete in their second World Series in only 10 short years. Down 3 games to 1 to the San Francisco Giants, the Marlins fought their way back earning two thrilling victories at home to the delight of thousands of South Florida fans. Many will never forget Game 4 of the National League Division Series where the Giants and Marlins battled back and forth to finally conclude on a spectacular play at home plate. Thanks to the solid hands of catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, the Marlins were on their way to face the Chicago Cubs in the National League Championship Series.

The National League Championship Series garnered the excitement and thrill baseball fans have not witnessed in some time. Playing in famed Wrigley Field, the Marlins took Game 1 and headed home to the friendly confines of Pro Player Stadium with a split in the series.